COAL COMBUSTION WASTE STORAGE AND WATER QUALITY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Coal Combustion Waste Storage and Water Quality. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the EPA: Barry Breen, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response; Michael Shapiro, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Water; and Catherine McCabe, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance; Shari Wilson, Secretary, Department of the Environment, Maryland; and public witnesses.

VETERANS MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Charting the VA's Progress on meeting the Mental Health Needs of our Veterans: Discussion of Funding, Mental Health Strategic Plan, and the Uniform Mental Health Services Handbook. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Michael Sheperd, M.D., Senior Physician, Office of Healthcare Inspections, Office of the Inspector General; and Ira Katz, M.D., Deputy Chief, Patient Care Services Officer, Mental Health Services, Veterans Administration; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—AFGHANISTAN

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Afghanistan. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic outlook, after receiving testimony from Christina D. Romer, Chair, Council of Economic Advisers.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on The Bowl Championship Series: Money and Other Issues of Fairness for Publicly Financed Universities, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet, hearing on Cybersecurity: Network Threats and Policy Challenges, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.